

REMARKS

Claims 35 and 36 were rejected in an Office Action dated October 27, 2010. Applicant notes that claims 37 and 38 which were presented in the Amendment submitted August 17, 2010 have not been acknowledged by the Examiner. Those claims are again presented here and Applicants respectfully request that these claims be entered. Claims 35 and 36 have been amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the "Detailed Description of the Invention" and, in particular, at page 5, lines 25-28. Claims 37 and 38 have been amended to more accurately depend from claims 35-36. No new matter has been added by virtue of any amendment submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 112

Claims 35 and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The specification as originally filed failed to disclose an embodiment combining the features of perforations or patterns extending through only a portion of the graft material, in combination with anisotropic material, as claimed. Examiner maintains the disclosure at pages 10-11 describe four distinct embodiments which are not described as combinable to provide the removable function as claimed.

Solely in an effort to expedite prosecution and without comment as to the appropriateness of the rejection, Applicants have removed the language which Examiner has rejected under 35 USC 112 and has limited the graft material to those materials clearly articulated in the specification as being suitable for that purpose. Applicant points out that all these materials may be anisotropic. However, Applicants believe that this rejection is rendered moot by virtue of the amendments presented herein.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the pending Office Action and respectfully submit that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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